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in this magazine—see Lovelace—*Va. Mag.* xxvii-xxviii; for further details.

9. Henry Sandys<sup>8</sup>. Born 30 December, 1572. Not traced.
10. George Sandys<sup>8</sup>. Poet, colonist and traveller. Born 2 March, 1577. Of Carswell, Oxfordshire. He studied at St. Mary's Hall, Oxford. His travels, which began in 1610, extended to France, Italy, Turkey, Egypt, Cyprus and the Holy Land. A narrative of these travels under the title *The Relation of a Journey begun An. Dom. 1610*, was published in 1615 and attained much popularity. He took a great interest in colonization, and in April, 1621, became colonial treasurer of the Virginia Company, accompanying Sir Francis Wyatt the new governor, who had married his niece Margaret, daughter of Sir Samuel Sandys, to Virginia in that year. Sandys was appointed a member of the Council of Virginia in 1624 and again in 1626 and 1628. He probably remained in Virginia until 1631, or possibly later. While in Virginia he completed his translation of *Ovid's Metamorphoses*, the earliest English poetry written on the American continent. After his return to England he published in 1636 his *Paraphrase upon the Psalms and Hymns*; in 1640 his translation of *Christ's Passion* from the Latin of Grotius; and in 1641 his *Paraphrase of the Song of Psalms*. His verse is of a high order. In character he was exemplary. He died unmarried, although his father's will shows that a certain Elizabeth Norton had been chosen when he was still a child of nine for his wife. He was buried at Bexley, Kent, in 1643. A very full sketch of George Sandys's life is to be found in the *Dictionary of National Biography* (1; 290-3), and in the introduction to his *Poetical Works* in two volumes edited in 1872 by Richard Hooper. His connection with Virginia is fully detailed in *Brown's Genesis* (p. 994).

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#### THE CORBIN FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

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(Continued)

Gawin Corbin, 4th son of Thomas Corbin, of Hall End, was a merchant in London and did an extensive trade with Virginia. On December 5th, 1666, Gawin Corbin and Company of London submitted a petition to the Privy Council, reciting that they had built the ship *Virginia Berkeley*, of 80 tons, in Virginia, had sent her over to England to be made fitter for service, and that she was to return to Virginia again with the commodities and necessities for building and beautifying a church there, that her master and sailors were all Virginians, and they asked a pass allowing her an indefinite stay there. The petition was granted.

The church was, doubtless, Christ Church, Middlesex, the parish of which Gawin Corbin's brother Henry was a vestryman.

Gawin Corbin was for a number of years financial agent for Virginia in England, and in 1678 was Deputy Treasurer. In 1684 Gawin Corbin, of Grace Church Street, London, and his son-in-law, Roger Borough, were merchants and partners. In 1692 he was still agent for Virginia. He married Grace Smith, of Derby, and died Feb. 25th, 1709, at Yelverton, Norfolk.

The following letters from Gawin Corbin are among Lord Beauchamp's family papers. They contain frequent references to Henry Corbin of Virginia and to Virginia affairs.

GAWEN CORBIN TO THOMAS CORBIN.

22 April 1676.

Good Brother,

I had y<sup>rs</sup> of the receipt of ye writeings & order for paiement of Twenty pounds to ye order of Co.\* Prescott wch was accordingly paid & a discharge taken according to direction, but have not as yet bin abt. ye other affaire at Walingford House nor indeed much out of my owne since ye fateall Newse of my Bro's† death came to my knowledge, w<sup>ch</sup> would have bin much more surprising had not Mr. Secretary ordered it as hee did, w<sup>ch</sup> I must ever owne as an acte of kindness in him as well as his great Conernance for ye Loss of my Deare brother, indeed I Receive no Letters but renew my grife as passionatly they express ther resentment, by wch I find y<sup>t</sup> the Countdy in Generall as well as particular Relations are alredy sensible of ye want of him, how much more do you think then am I who have not only Lost a bro. but so good a friend. I alwaies made my Concerene as his owne, on w<sup>ch</sup> account I am now like to be ye greater sufferer by guiving a Larger Credit then in prudence I ought to have done fforgetting y<sup>t</sup> hee was mortall. The Christian like end he made the Coppy of my sisters Letter will informe you w<sup>ch</sup> I heare Inclose together w<sup>th</sup> a Coppy of his will by w<sup>ch</sup> you will find the trust hee have reposed in us & it must now bee our care, as it was his, to so gett an estate, y<sup>t</sup> wee improve it all we can for his children, in order to w<sup>ch</sup> must make it my business to gett in moneys as fast as I can y<sup>t</sup> ye somme hee mentions may bee put out to interest in good hands w<sup>ch</sup> is hard to find in ye Citty as now ye case stands & therefore I conceive Land security would bee most acceptable to ye Guardians, & I think if you are willing wee need looke noe further then your selfe, for to my shallow apprehension you could not doe better then to take ye money and cleere ye estate or marry co. Peg w<sup>th</sup> it, but if you are not for y<sup>t</sup> I am sure you had much better owe it to one then many espeachally Considering no part of ye principle will be paieable tell y<sup>t</sup> come of age or mary w<sup>ch</sup> I presume will not bee sudaine as ye affairs of Virginia now stand, w<sup>ch</sup> being pt. of

\* In these letters "Co." evidently means "cousin".

† Henry Corbin, of Virginia. The use of the word "resentment" might mean that Henry Corbin was killed by the Indians.

ye Continent w<sup>th</sup> New England share its fate as to Wars w<sup>th</sup> ye Indians, who have of late Committed so many outrages, & y<sup>t</sup> day my bro. was buried they tooke away kild abt. 40 persons out of ye head of Rappa River, since w<sup>ch</sup> my Sisters Last Letter mentions they attemptd her plantation in those parts, through providence escaped ther fury, for y<sup>t</sup> time. But ther feares are still such y<sup>t</sup> many have quitt ther Dwellings & more must if some speedy care bee not taken both ther & heere wherby to supply y<sup>m</sup> w<sup>th</sup> Men and Amunition, w<sup>ch</sup> surely ye King & Counsell will if moved by ye agents as it will if our next Letters bring us not much better results, w<sup>ch</sup> I am daly in expectations of my Concerne being much greater then ever yet doubt not but to do reasonable well if care bee taken to quiatt ye natives as I judge now noe way is Left but by downe right strength, in order to w<sup>ch</sup> some write y<sup>t</sup> the assembly was to meete ye 7 March & its belevid it will then bee Judged ye best expedient y<sup>t</sup> no Tobacco shall be planted this yeare, wherby they will make it ther whole business next to planting Corne to foarse ye natives to a peace or utterly to destroy y<sup>m</sup> as far as they can.

I find yet this Comfort amids my trouble y<sup>t</sup> severall of my Correspondents have consignd Tobacco & more will but noe one but writes it must Lie by in hopes of a great rise in case ther bee no plantings, so y<sup>t</sup> I must necessarily bee foarsd to take up much money in case I pay in my brothers in a small time w<sup>ch</sup> I beleive is not expected neither can I afford Longer to pay interest then I have just occation for ye Money, & if you approve of w<sup>t</sup> I hinted to you abt. takeing ye Money then pray write when you Judge it most Convenient to have it presuming you must give those you deale w<sup>th</sup> timely nottice ere you pay y<sup>r</sup> in, had I ye freedome of selling now at a Markett price could pay in ye moneys sooner then now I can w<sup>th</sup>out some inconvenience to my selfe, w<sup>ch</sup> I will rather undergoe then they shall suffer & ther fine shall make proluvison [provision?] as you & ye Rest concerned heere, being only Mr. Secreaty Coll. Smyth, shall thinke fitt; my bro. Bagshaw is not yet come to Towne but writt mee he have a dependence on me for ye Remainder of ye 140 l. w<sup>ch</sup> I shall take care to pay & Receave our dues of our Merchantts as soone as I can bring y<sup>m</sup> to it ther writings being now come up: have nothing as yet of S<sup>r</sup> Rowlands Money but hope to gett in ere long: you will now receave y<sup>r</sup> phisike together w<sup>th</sup> a Letter from ye Doctor, who is a person y<sup>t</sup> my sister & family have recd. much benefitt by, & I hope you will do ye like, & I pray follow ye Doctors Directions & bee Carefull of y<sup>r</sup> health, w<sup>ch</sup> I shall ye more now doe, wee being now so few & so many y<sup>t</sup> Depends on our welfare. My wife joyns her Respects w<sup>th</sup> mine and are yet likely to guive you a visett, but it will bee Late if att all. God kepe you & vouchife (?) his providence to us. I am

y<sup>r</sup> affectionate Brother

Gawen Corbin.

Apl. 22<sup>o</sup> 76.

[on margin of first page] I have not as yet shewd ye will to Coll. Smyth or y<sup>r</sup> Secretary, but I find hee have left his wife well, though no money butt ye halfe of this years Crops, w<sup>ch</sup> may prove very Considerable.

[Endorsed:]

These  
ffor Mr. Thomas Corbin  
att Hallend in Warwickshire  
w<sup>th</sup> a box.

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GAWEN CORBIN TO THOMAS CORBIN.

23 May 1676.

Good Brother,

I have not tell lately had opportunity of Discoursing w<sup>th</sup> Mr. Secretary, who with my selfe returne you thanks for y<sup>r</sup> reiterated invitation but I thinke neither of our occasions will permitt us to give you a vissett this Summer, nor do I thinke Sister Okeover will. Before the receipt of y<sup>rs</sup> (w<sup>ch</sup> I had sooner answerd had you bin at home) could not imagiane but y<sup>t</sup> the haveing of so much Moneys so long a time & at reasonable interest could not butt have suited y<sup>r</sup> occations as much ye sattisfaction of my Sister & ye Rest of the Trustees, would you have taken it & given Land security w<sup>ch</sup> is only y<sup>t</sup> in these tirble times will please, & therfore sinve ye trustees are not Concerned for ought in England & y<sup>t</sup> its wholly left to our care pray well consider ere you refusse & thin wheather the Mortgage ye scriveners have of Co. Reppington bee such y<sup>t</sup> you will Lend ye Money upon it at his time, w<sup>ch</sup> I thinke may bee given him not hearing y<sup>t</sup> ye match is Like now to goe on w<sup>th</sup> Co. Lettice; & when I Receave y<sup>r</sup> answer & his Certaine time of paiement, w<sup>ch</sup> I thinke you wrote was Michaelmas, shall make provision for ye Money accordingly, & as fast as I can bee getting up ye Rest, w<sup>ch</sup> to doe will something straighten mee haveing never soe much owing mee in Virga. as now, soe y<sup>t</sup> to pay ye whole some ordered by will, w<sup>ch</sup> I thinke is 2500 l., will necessitate mee to not only to press upon those y<sup>t</sup> are owing mee Moneys in way of trade, but allso w<sup>t</sup> I have out on ye other Stoare of w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>rs</sup> might make a parte, haveing paid, as I before writt you, the 140 li. to bro. Bagshaw & heare send you the bond as I shall ere long ye accompt; & then if you thinke fitt either to Change ye security for y<sup>t</sup> or a quarter Summe on ye Childrens accompt, I shall pay in the Moneys in some Reasonable time after I have y<sup>r</sup> answer, as I presume you will expect brother Bagshaw abt. Mr. Dickins Concerne, of w<sup>ch</sup> I informed him, & his sentiments are much ye same w<sup>th</sup> ours y<sup>t</sup> according to rigour you might be

severe w<sup>th</sup> him but in equity he ought to have his proportion, w<sup>ch</sup> I judge can be no more then w<sup>t</sup> I ame to receave proportionable, my Debt being made oath to as well as his, though something shorte of 400 li: as realy it was, but I think ye oath hee tooke of it was not moore then 337 li: od moneys, & after y<sup>t</sup> proportion ye whole Cargoe amounted not to a 1000 l. but w<sup>t</sup> ever it was ther will not bee above 740 li: charges Deducted to devide, of w<sup>ch</sup> ther will bee upwds. of two hundred pounds twext you & I to devide towards w<sup>t</sup> my brother George ought us, w<sup>ch</sup> bee yet much more then w<sup>t</sup> bee now owing to my bro. Harry.

If I bee not much out in my Computation w<sup>ch</sup> I Calculate thus, our principle paid was 1000 l. & the Interest of y<sup>rs</sup> for abt. 7 years coming too upwds of 400 li: towards wee have recd. according to ye acct. sent you upwds. of 500 l. & w<sup>t</sup> wee shall now Devide will make it up abt. 800 l. in ye whole, so y<sup>s</sup> wee may reckon wee shall bee Losers on ye acct. of ye 1000 l. abt. 300 l. a pece, but of much more on ye whole betwext him & mee. I have recd. of our merchants 860 li. & have gott good security for ye remainder giving BO\* for w<sup>ch</sup> would feine have got Interest but it would not bee, have also this weeke Smyth's money w<sup>ch</sup> is all wee are now like to have unless ought bee gott more on acct. of bringing those severall other Debtors &c., on ther oaths, of w<sup>ch</sup> shall give you an acct. this terme when Etheridge will be heere, & hee was pressing for his money yet behind beeing abt. 16 l. as he makes it, w<sup>ch</sup> I Remember was ye soome Geo. owed him when he faild, & Considering how Lamely hee have managed our affaire & w<sup>t</sup> moneys hee have had hee may well abt. [abate] all or good pt. of it, to w<sup>ch</sup> end if you thinke fitt you may write mee something to shew him in particularly mention his ill-manigery of our business & willfull omission in not suppening the boy w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>t</sup> hee did not I believe was greatly to our prejudice, & when I have ended w<sup>th</sup> him shall draw up an acct. of ye whole Charge, of w<sup>ch</sup> if you have allowed more then ye proportion as I judge you have it might bee allowed & Mr. Dickins charged w<sup>th</sup> w<sup>t</sup> hee is Shorte: have not had Leisure of late, ye shiping coming in so fast, to see after ye Concerne at Walingford house w<sup>ch</sup> I shall now sudenly do & give you an acct. of it, as I pray do me whether I might pay Sister Okert†, her disbursements being as shee saith abt. 14 l. when you have fully considered y<sup>r</sup> owne Intrest as to takeing or refusing ye Money I pray bee Drawing up a joynt Letter for us to send my Sister as touching our Disposse of ye Money & abt. the Children when ye times Comes for ye sending over: would have paid Co. Ludford his Disbursements for making y<sup>r</sup> God-daughter a Xtian, but hee would have it of you in ye Countrey where I hope our hopefull sister may bee, haveing quited her Lodging but not paid for it as the party saith but have left some small trifells w<sup>ch</sup> shee fears shee will never fetch: should have enlarged would either

\* Bond.

† Okeover.

paper or Co. Ludford's business given Leave, who longs to bee in ye Countrey as I also do & may yet see you, but it will bee late in ye yeare if at all.

I am yr affect. bro. Ga: Corbin.

[P. S.] I have paid Sister Geo. w<sup>t</sup> you ordered & Tom is once more placed out in so hopefull a way y<sup>t</sup> hee can not well miscarry or bee further troublesome to freinds unless hee prove strangly remiss in business. May 23: 1676.

I pray give mee yr thoughts in w<sup>t</sup> time it may be expected I should pay in the money, & if I pay it in as opportunity offer of good Land security I presume I have noe reason to allow Interest if it bee w<sup>th</sup> in the years, but as to this I shall abide by w<sup>t</sup> the Trustees thinke equitable, nor is w<sup>t</sup> I now offer I thinke unresonable ye somme being Considerable: even now I had notice from Mr. Beresford, whome our hopefull pro. acquainted of his misfortune of being now under an arest, & so hee is like to Continue for mee, if Sister Oker\* will not Contribute somethings towrds. his present inlargment, & w<sup>t</sup> will doe it can not yet tell but should hee lie long presume so many actions will

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be brought y<sup>t</sup> hee have taken up his Lodging for a longer time then he or his h— —ate done, & though I have mett w<sup>th</sup> many & greate Losses yet the Continued trouble I mett w<sup>th</sup> in this kind will soone make mee wearey of my habitatio nor make mee resolve not to Concerne my selfe for ye fewture be ther condition w<sup>t</sup> it will, & after ye great Losse I have had & my late one more then all, its high time for me to beginne to thinke y<sup>t</sup> Charity begins at homme.

I heare Capt. Beresford have bailed the party out upon w<sup>t</sup> amounte know not.

*Endorsed:*

These  
ffor Tho. Corbin Esq<sup>r</sup> at  
Hallend in Warwicke  
shire present.

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GAWEN CORBIN TO THOMAS CORBIN.

5 June, 1676.

Good Brother

I had both y<sup>rs</sup>, y<sup>t</sup> relating to Mr. Etheridge shall shew him, w<sup>ch</sup> if it answer not our expectation as to his abateing ought of his bill, yet will make him sensible of his falers & put him upon action to gaine more if ought yet be recourble, as I feare Little Will: can not for present returne answer to y<sup>rs</sup> abt. the Money you are willing to take but I am apt to believe you might have it at 5 per C<sup>t</sup> as you

desire, but a Certaine time can not so well bee agreed on in Regard or there of: our nieces are at womens estate but as the Case of Virg<sup>a</sup> now stands ther is Little incoradgment to marry ther, where not only the natives are at warr w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>m</sup>, but y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> is much worsse severall of the English to the number of abt. 5 or 600 are in Rebellion to ye Governor, being headed by one of ye Councell upon the spetious pretence of great presure & taxes imposed on y<sup>m</sup> by the Governor & assembly w<sup>ch</sup> they will not pay or allow of, & so far these Mutineers are incensed y<sup>t</sup> our late Letters tell us y<sup>t</sup> they have proclaimed ther Leader Bacon\* by name, Governor, w<sup>t</sup> the Issue will be is uncertaine but surly the Consequence must [be] bad to the whole Countrey in Generall, & particularly to those y<sup>t</sup> have Concernes ther as I have but too much to my great dissccomfort. Mr. Secretary† is gone into ye West to see his Mother & will not Returne I presume tell next month, when I shall discourse ye affaire w<sup>th</sup> him & Coll. Smyth, give you ther sence; as its mine since you will take but a 1000 l., & are so fully sattisfied of Co. Reppington Mortgage to be so good, y<sup>t</sup> you assure him I will take care to pay the 1000 l. at y<sup>t</sup> time, and let it bee y<sup>rs</sup> to take ye security, of w<sup>ch</sup> I pray bee well advised: as yet bro. Bagshaw is not come up, when he doe I shall take his opinion abt. w<sup>t</sup> you wright of a decree in Chancery ere you & me pt. w<sup>th</sup> my money, w<sup>ch</sup> is but reson if noe other way less charable [? Chargeable.] & as secure for you, bee not by him propounded, or a fitting expedient, nor do I thinke I was must out in my Computation if you Consider the expence of suite, & y<sup>t</sup> first deducted as it ought the Remainder can not bee above 800 to devide of w<sup>ch</sup> according to oath made, Mr. Dickins is 200, mine 337 od mony, & w<sup>t</sup> ye Residue is I leave to you to judge, nor shall I mention as you hinte nothing of this affaire either to my sister or to nephew, Conceiving my bro. Hary noe waies concerned in this: our Losses still exceeding his as I before wrote you, but I know my bro was so exacte in all his affaires y<sup>t</sup> ther will be a demande made by the trustees, w<sup>ch</sup> is time enough to give answer to when wee know w<sup>t</sup> it is: meane time request you, as I before hintd to you, it being a bussy time w<sup>th</sup> mee & a ship nere goeing away, y<sup>t</sup> you forth w<sup>th</sup> write a joynt Letter as from us to my sister as you best know how, advising our Care in the putting out the Money by will ordered as fast as opportunity of Land security offer, w<sup>ch</sup> is y<sup>t</sup> wee chiefly aime at in these Tirble times, & wee have a proffer of Land security for a 1000 l. at Mickelmas, w<sup>ch</sup> wee have Closed w<sup>th</sup> as wee shall for the whole as soone as we can meete w<sup>th</sup> good security & shall bee looking out for a fitt schoole for our nephewes when shee & the trustees see fitt to send y<sup>m</sup> over.

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\* Nathaniel Bacon.

† Thomas Ludwell, Secretary of State of Virginia, was a native of Bruton, Somersetshire.



I was mistaken in acquainting you y<sup>t</sup> Capt. Beresford bayld bro. Richard [probably a half-brother Richard Howell], but sett at Liberty he was by one of his owne gange, who yet is like to come to damage in case frinds disburse out somme moneys, as sister Oker lately informed mee, to whome shall pay y<sup>r</sup> stoore (?) & next weeke goe to Walingford house & give you an act of y<sup>t</sup> concerne.

As soon as I have ended w<sup>th</sup> Etheridge as I must this trime [? terme] shall send you an act. of ye whole expence & that daie I hope the whole afire may be stated to content of the Concerned: & then shall send y<sup>r</sup> acct. in order to makeing it up the somme you intend, w<sup>ch</sup> in y<sup>r</sup> next pray let mee know y<sup>t</sup> I may make provission accordingly: all w<sup>th</sup> mee say ther duty & service, mine I pray to good sister & Cousin & I cordially am

Y<sup>r</sup> most affectionat Bro.

Gawen Corbin.

June ye 5<sup>o</sup> Mr. Jno. Baker died monday was a senatt at Mr. Ward. I have Recd.—400 of S<sup>r</sup> Rowlands & shall ye Rest when Mr. Hinton please. I presume y<sup>r</sup> god-daughter is a fine guirle & my Co. in good health & abroad againe.

*Endorsed:*

These

ffor Thomas Corbin Esq<sup>r</sup>

Hallend in Warwickshire.

June 1676 [in T. Corbin' writing.]

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GAWEN CORBIN TO THOMAS CORBIN.

[Undated: but since Henry Corbin's widow had recently remarried the year is probably 1677.]

Good Brother

I lately wrote you but was then in so much hast y<sup>t</sup> I feare you could not read my scrible: did then promise you should have y<sup>r</sup> Cloaths as this weeke w<sup>ch</sup> you will receave by Sedgwicke by whome wee recd. a Large present of Beefe & Bacon, for ye one you have my thanks as my sister will have my Dames for the Bakon of w<sup>ch</sup> meate shee is a great Lover: my last tould you if I forgett not y<sup>t</sup> ther was not Cloth enough left to make ye shute & y<sup>t</sup> I had made Charge of another nere it w<sup>ch</sup> I hope may please you better. I wish they ffitt in y<sup>r</sup> monie as also y<sup>r</sup> Beaur [beaver] of w<sup>ch</sup> I am in most fear yet hope well, as I doe y<sup>t</sup> the Taylor have followd y<sup>r</sup> Direction as to y<sup>r</sup> Cloths w<sup>ch</sup> I nd he have as to ye height of ye Coller tho not as to Lining to ye Dublet w<sup>th</sup> Holland, as I thinke you write it should in y<sup>r</sup> first Letter, and in regard the Samier is prety well spent you will ye less want it,

Garters nor Hattbands the were were none but blue ribbin unless embrothered one of abt. 10s. ye pare w<sup>ch</sup> I thought you would not Like, I wish you do y<sup>r</sup> belts w<sup>ch</sup> is nere ye Collar of ye Cloth though purple be most in weare: by the next hope to send you a bill of ye cost of all. Co. Ludford writes me y<sup>t</sup> I must charge you w<sup>th</sup> 7 l. w<sup>ch</sup> I shall do: but advising w<sup>t</sup> bro. Bagshaw shall not send doune Co. Repingtons writings more then those w<sup>ch</sup> hee is to seale to us & wee to him, w<sup>ch</sup> my bro. will bring over w<sup>th</sup> ye morgage & see y<sup>m</sup> both seald, as he comes up next terme being dissatfied in some thing relating to his estate of w<sup>ch</sup> he will draw out a note w<sup>ch</sup> I shall send you ere long, as I now do a Letter from our Virg<sup>a</sup> Sister of y<sup>t</sup> Chaing of her condition & the reasons of it: our Brother in Law is arrivd in ye west to whome shee writes mee y<sup>t</sup> I must pay her the produce of her last years Consignments of w<sup>ch</sup> I have discoursd bro. Bagshaw who saith it would be most Convenent & safe for you & mee if the originall will was sent over & proved according to forme before any money be paid her, of w<sup>ch</sup> I pray give a hint as from y<sup>r</sup> selfe, when you next write so to my sister, w<sup>ch</sup> my brother thinks it requisite to be done. My last tould you I had a Red burd sent me as this will you of one sent you by Major Armestead, w<sup>ch</sup> if you designe for s<sup>r</sup> Robt. my Dame would keepe over. I have thought to send abt. your money this day, w<sup>ch</sup> if I receive shall give you notice in my next in true w<sup>th</sup> mine and Dames love.

I remaine your affecte Bro.

Gawen Corbin.

Mr. Savage tells me my shee Co. Repington was in toune who I designe to waite on if shee stay till ye hallidaies, otherwise ye must plead my excuse and my shiping coming in so fast y<sup>t</sup> I have not Leisure: pray w<sup>th</sup> my Duty make delivery of ye inclosed and excuse me to ye futher y<sup>t</sup> I write not to him abt. ye childrens moneys w<sup>ch</sup> pray get a noate for this q<sup>r</sup> or yeare and I will pay it together.

[*On first page in margin*] I was to send a Hamper of Malago to Co. Ludford & have sent it by this bearer & shall write him of it per post, but if his Letter miscarry pray let him have notice as its fitt you should; y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> I once before wrote you relating to the party you lately called thither is againe reported to be true, & if you desire a further acct. you may have it from my sister, who is in health w<sup>th</sup> her daughter, as all of us are.

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